

In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraph for the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification.

Page 1, first paragraph (AMENDED)

This Application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/380,059, filed 8/25/99 and now US Patent 6,329,403, which was the National Stage of International Application Serial No. PCT/JP99/03496, filed June 29, 1999.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the sixth paragraph beginning on page 21 of the specification.

Page 21, sixth paragraph (AMENDED)

Further, a pharmaceutical composition of the present invention can be used as an agent for preventing or treating diabetic complications (e.g., neuropathy, nephropathy, retinopathy, ~~macroangiopathy~~ macroangiopathy, coronary artery diseases, osteopenia, etc.).

Please substitute the following paragraph for the third paragraph beginning on page 26 of the specification.

Page 26, third paragraph (AMENDED)

External application forms can be produced by processing the active ingredient(s) into a solid, semi-solid or liquid composition. For instance, a solid composition is produced by processing the active ingredient(s), either as such or in admixture with an excipient (e.g., lactose, D-mannitol, starch, microcrystalline cellulose, sucrose, etc.), a ~~thickener~~ thickener (e.g., natural

gums, cellulose derivatives, acrylic acid polymers, etc.), etc., into powders. The above liquid composition is produced in substantially the same manner as in the case of injections. The semi-solid composition is preferably provided in a hydrous or oily gel form or an ointment form. These compositions may optionally contain a pH control agent (e.g., phosphoric acid, citric acid, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, etc.), an antiseptic (e.g., p-hydroxybenzoic acid esters, chlorobutanol, benzalkonium chloride, benzyl alcohol, phenethyl alcohol, dehydroacetic acid, sorbic acid, etc.), and etc.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the second paragraph on page 27 of the specification.

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Page 27, second paragraph (AMENDED)

Suppositories can be produced by processing the active ingredient(s) into an oily or aqueous composition, whether solid, semi-solid or liquid. Examples of oleaginous bases that can be used in producing the composition include higher fatty acid glycerides [e.g., cacao butter, Witepsols (~~Huels~~ Huels Aktiengesellschaft, Germany), etc.], medium-chain fatty acid triglycerides [e.g., ~~Migriols~~ Huels Miglyols (Huels Aktiengesellschaft, Germany), etc.], vegetable oils (e.g., sesame oil, soybean oil, cottonseed oil, etc.), etc. Examples of the water-soluble bases include polyethylene glycols, propylene glycol, etc. Further, examples of the hydrophilic bases include natural gums, cellulose derivatives, vinyl polymers, and acrylic acid polymers, etc.